

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on January 13, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent 6,648,694 ("Takamori") in view of US patent 5,334,034 ("Reichardt"). The Examiner objected to claims 8, 9, 13 and 14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but deemed them allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, applicant has incorporated the subject matter of claims 8 and 13 into independent claims 1 and 10, respectively. Applicant has also amended dependent claims 9 and 14 to indicate the correct dependencies.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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